**CLAIMS** 

What is claimed is:

1. A diffuser for a distribution system for use in a pastillation machine, said diffuser

comprising:

an elongate body sized to fit into a bore of said distribution bar;

a centering device coupled to said elongate body for engaging at least one

surface of said bore of said distribution bar; and

wherein said centering device maintains said elongate body generally

spaced from at least one wall of said bore of a distribution bar of said distribution

system.

2. A diffuser as claimed in claim 1 wherein said centering device maintains said

elongate body generally in the center of said bore.

3. A diffuser as claimed in claim 2 wherein said elongate body is a bar.

4. A diffuser as claimed in claim 3 wherein said elongate body is comprised of steel.

5. A diffuser as claimed in claim 4 wherein said elongate body is comprised of type

316 stainless steel.

6. A diffuser as claimed in claim 3 wherein said centering device comprises a series

of tabs extending outwardly from opposing edges of said bar.

7. A diffuser as claimed in claim 6 wherein said tabs are formed in pairs along the

length of said bar and alternating pairs of said tabs are bent in opposing

directions.

Docket: SIM.07/D1

Express Mail Label: EV303490363US